GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether training, arms and funds are provided to the terrorists active in Kashmir by the military training camps based in Pakistan, Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the number of such camps being run in the said countries along with the locations thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received request from different quarters for destroying the camps by initiating military action against them;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether Indian representative in the Interpol General Assembly at Budapest pressed for special laws by all countries for extradition of wanted terrorists; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(d) In addition to arms and funds, terrorists active in Jammu & Kashmir have been receiving training in camps located in Pakistan, Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Afghanistan.

The international community is today fully aware of the dangers from international terrorism and the need to defeat it through a comprehensive, integrated and sustained approach which will naturally also include measures aimed at preventing the further training and financing of terrorist groups. India has always been in the forefront of building this international consensus against terrorism which has also been catalyzed by the terrorist attacks of September 11 in the United States. India has on numerous occasions reiterated its resolve to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. The Indian delegation to the Interpol conference at Budapest suggested to member countries the need to undertake legislative changes in their national criminal law so as to expedite the serving of red corner notices, and help nations fight crime by extraditing and handing over of fugitives.